

By: Harris

S.B. No. 1013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of private legal counsel by certain hospital
3 districts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (d), Section 281.056, Health
6 and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The district may employ or contract with private legal
8 counsel to represent the district on any legal matter. If the
9 district does not employ or contract with private legal counsel on a
10 legal matter, the [The] county attorney, district attorney, or
11 criminal district attorney, as appropriate, with the duty to
12 represent the county in civil matters shall represent the district
13 [~~in all legal matters~~].

14 (d) If the district receives legal services from a county
15 attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney, the
16 [The] district shall contribute sufficient funds to the general
17 fund of the county for the account of the budget of the county
18 attorney, district attorney, or criminal district attorney, as
19 appropriate, to pay all additional salaries and expenses incurred
20 by that officer in performing the duties required by the district.

21 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 281.056, Health and
22 Safety Code, is repealed.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.